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MAKING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE A UNIVERSAL ISSUE

Dear Friends:

I join with my colleagues from both sides of the aisle in recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

In Congress, we must continue to support initiatives and existing programs, as well as legislation, aimed at ending domestic violence. Countless organizations have also worked to increase public awareness of domestic violence and the needs of victims.

Domestic violence is a serious issue in our communities that threatens the stability and safety of our families.

All people of good will have a responsibility to prevent perpetrators from committing violent acts against their families.

I, along with a bipartisan group of Members of Congress, including Congressman Ted Poe, introduced a resolution to raise awareness about the prevalence of domestic violence.

The impact of domestic violence is too harmful to our communities. We must renew our dedication to the goal of ending violence in the home and assisting domestic violence survivors as well as their families. This issue affects men, women, and

children in all communities, regardless of age, race, sexual orientation, nationality, educational background, and socioeconomic status. This is why combating domestic violence should be a universal priority.

Sincerely,

Al Green
Your Congressman

SPONSORED LEGISLATION

• **H.R.5407:** TIP Act of 2014 (09/08/14)

COSPONSORED LEGISLATION

• **H.R.5571:** 10-20-30 Act of 2014 (09/18/14)

• **H.R.5488 :** No Fly for Foreign Fighters Act (09/16/14)

• **H.R.5478:** Stop Militarizing Law Enforcement Act (9/16/14)

• **H.R.5352:** Pathways Out of Poverty Act of 2014 (07/31/14)

LABOR LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

(Houston, TX)--On October 3, 2014, Congressman Al Green hosted his Annual Labor Legislative Breakfast with union leaders and local officials. Representatives from unions across the Greater Houston Area and Texas voiced their concerns on important labor-related issues. Keynote speaker Congressman Luis Gutierrez (IL-04) spoke about his experiences advocating for immigration reform and President Obama's intention to reform the immigration system through an executive order in the near future. Congressman Luis Gutierrez is the



Congressman Al Green with Congressman Luis Gutierrez and guests at the Annual Labor Legislative Breakfast.

Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus' Immigration Task Force and is a member of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Border Security.

During the 113th Congress, Congressman Al Green re-introduced the Original Living American Wage Act, which would increase the minimum wage by 15 percent above the poverty line every four years. He also introduced the Johnson Space Center Workforce Stability Act of 2013, which would create a job-training program and promote economic growth in the Johnson Space Center region.

THE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION'S "LEADER OF DEMOCRACY" AWARD

(Washington, DC)--On September 24, 2014, Congressman Al Green received the "Leader of Democracy" Award from the Memorial Foundation. The Memorial Foundation is the successor to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Foundation, which raised the funds to build the memorial to Dr. King in our nation's capital. Congressman Al Green was recognized for his work in Congress to further the ideals of Dr. King and assist our Veterans.

"The Memorial Foundation and its predecessor, the MLK, Jr. Memorial Foundation, have done an excellent job in honoring Dr. King and perpetuating his ideals," Congressman Al Green said. "Though there is still great work to be done in the pursuit of honoring our nation's military heroes, the Memorial Foundation reminds us to keep our promise to our Veterans. The efforts of the foundation to honor our Veterans and their families are

commendable and consistent with the standards they set from their inception. It is my honor to accept this prestigious award. I will continue to express the scope of our nation's compassion and gratitude for those who have made service to our nation a priority."



Congressman Al Green with (from left to right) Memorial Foundation Board Member Pam Alexander and CEO Harry E. Johnson, Sr.

Congressman Al Green has introduced several bills related to Veterans, including the Homes for Heroes Act, the Housing Assistance for Veterans Act (HAVEN), the Transportation for Heroes Act, and the Burial with Dignity for Heroes Act. He has also worked with his colleagues to incorporate language related to Veterans in other legislation.

FIESTA PATRIAS FESTIVAL

(Houston, TX)—On September 13, 2014, Congressman Al Green participated in the annual Fiesta Patrias Festival, which celebrates the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month. Thousands came out for live performances, games, as well as food from Central and South America.

"The culture, diversity, and history of Hispanic communities are

an indelible part of the fabric of Texas," Congressman Al Green said.



Congressman Al Green at the Fiesta Patrias Festival Opening Ceremony with it's founder Harris County Precinct 6, Place 2, Judge Armando Rodriguez

TRANSPARENCY IN POLICING (TIP) ACT OF 2014

(Washington, DC)--On September 8, 2014, Congressman Al Green introduced the Transparency in Policing (TIP) Act of 2014. This bill would require state and local law enforcement agencies that receive funds from the Department of Justice to acquire body cameras for use by their law enforcement officers. It would require that the Attorney General conduct a study on the cost of using body cameras by state and local law enforcement agencies. The bill would also grant the Attorney General the ability to waive the requirement for the purchase of body cameras if compliance was determined to create a hardship for a particular law enforcement agency.

"We must acknowledge the great daily risk our law enforcement officers across our nation take to protect our communities; however, recent tragic events have once again reminded us of the necessity of transparency and accountability in all levels of law enforcement. I believe that having our officers wear body cameras can bring much-needed additional transparency to communities in future controversial police/civilian actions. People of good will who support both civil rights as well as law enforcement should work together to commend the majority of officers who serve, protect, and defend. Similarly, we must condemn violations by some officers that when left unchecked can undermine public trust.

"I also want to acknowledge the efforts of the Ferguson Police Department in acquiring and using body cameras for their officers in the aftermath of the tragic shooting of Michael Brown," Congressman Al Green said. "This bill would allow us to move forward together as a nation rather than one city, country, or state at a time."

WHITE HOUSE MEETING TO DISCUSS THE UTILIZATION OF DIVERSE ASSET MANAGERS

(Washington, DC)—On September 16, 2014, Congressman Al Green attended a White House meeting to discuss diversity in the field of asset management with Valerie Jarrett, Senior Advisor to President Obama; Jeff Zients, Director of the National Economic Council; Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez; Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker; and government officials that administer pension plans. In the meeting, officials discussed best practices to

achieve the goals of protection for retirement investments, in-

ic recovery.

“The Obama Administration has consistently been a leader and vocal



Congressman Al Green with Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez at the White House meeting.

creased financial inclusion of underrepresented communities, and bolstering our econom-

advocate of increased financial inclusion for underrepresented communities as well as aiding those unfairly hurt by the economic reces-

sion,” Congressman Al Green said. “We must all work to ensure no one is unfairly excluded from

the American Dream of economic security. I look forward to continuing to work with the Obama Administration in my role as a member of the Financial Services Committee where I serve as Ranking Member of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee. We must do all that we can to assist our emerging asset managers to further our economic recovery. This not only makes sense, it makes dollars and cents for those underrepresented.”

INDO-AMERICAN CHARITY FOUNDATION'S GALA

(Houston, TX)—On September 20, 2014, Congressman Al Green joined other local elected officials and members of Houston's Indian community in honoring the charitable efforts of the Indo-American Charity Foundation at its 24th Annual Gala and Iftar with local leaders from the community.

“Houston has a vibrant Indian community known for its promotion of charity and selflessness,” Congressman Al Green said. “The IACF's efforts are well-known and are vital to our community.”



Congressman Al Green presents IACF President Ramesh Cherivirala with a certificate of Congressional Recognition in honor of the IACF's 24th Annual Gala.

CONGRESSIONAL AWARD PRESENTATION

(Houston, TX)—On August 21, 2014, Congressman Al Green presented Gabrielle Nuszen with a Congressional Silver Medal. Ms. Nuszen is a student at the Harmony School of Ingenuity that completed 200 hours of volunteer service, 100 hours of personal development, 100 hours of physical fitness and a two-day consecutive overnight exploration expedition.



“Gabrielle is an exceptional young lady with a supportive and loving family,” Congressman Al Green said. “I trust that she will continue to make her family and community proud in her future endeavors.”

Congressman Al Green with Gabrielle Nuszen, her mother, and sister accepting her award in the Congressman's Houston office.

THE SISTERS NETWORK® INC. TEENS4PINK SESSION, A TEEN'S FAMILY GUIDE TO BREAST HEALTH

(Washington, DC)—On September 26, 2014, Congressman Al Green (TX-09) participated in a

Black Caucus, as well as provide information about our organization during the African American Mayors' Association reception. We sincerely appreciate Congressman Al Green's support and for providing Sisters Network with the platform to share our breast health message. Sisters Network looks forward to future collaborative opportunities with our Congressman to educate the community and business leaders about the importance of early detection," said Karen E. Jackson, Founder/CEO, Sisters Network® Inc.

in the black community. They also discussed their recent efforts to raise awareness about the disease through the program Teens4Pink in Memphis and Houston.

"Ms. Karen Jackson and her awesome organization, Sisters Network, are the champions of raising awareness about breast health in the African American community," Congressman Al Green said. "In 20 years of existence, Sisters Network has expanded to 43 affiliates in 22 states, and have spread their message to several million people. They have helped people not only survive but thrive. I am proud to be an active supporter of their selfless work and look forward to future endeavors."



Congressman Al Green presents Sisters Network® Inc. (from left to right) Founder/CEO Karen Jackson, Executive Director Eric Calloway, and Director of Strategic Partnerships and National Programs Kelly Hodges with a flag flown above the U.S. Capitol.

panel discussion with Sisters Network® Inc., a national African American breast cancer survivorship organization, at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's 44th Annual Legislative Conference. The panel discussion, Teens4Pink, a Teen's Family Guide to Breast Health Awareness, examined the necessity of breast cancer screenings and the impact of breast cancer on the black community.

"Sisters Network Inc. was honored to present our Teens4Pink breast health program during the 2014 Congressional

Founder/CEO of the Sisters Network® Inc.; Kelly P. Hodges, Director of Strategic Partnerships and National Programs; and Eric Calloway, Executive Director, presented information about the prevalence of breast cancer



Congressman Al Green with panelists and audience members at the Teens4Pink panel discussion.

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